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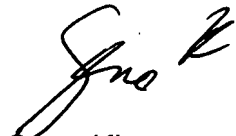
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LETTER RESCINDING NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

A Notice of Abandonment, Form PTO-1432, was mailed on January 29, 2003, in patent application Serial Number 09/439807. The Notice of Abandonment alleged that applicant failed to file a response to the Office letter dated April 24, 2002.

A response to the Nonfinal rejection was filed on July 18, 2002, and has been associated with the application file. Accordingly, the response is considered timely and the Notice of Abandonment is, therefore, hereby RESCINDED.

Any inconvenience occasioned by the delay in associating the response with the application file is regretted.



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